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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant is preparing a response to the outstanding August 5, 2002 Office Action which will be submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shortly along with a Petition for an Extension of Time.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the following documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the

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documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Applicant requests that these documents be made of record in the subject application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 with the next Patent Office Communication. Authorization is hereby given to deduct the IDS fee of \$180.00 from Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

**PTO Forms 1449 Previously Filed**

Upon a review of the file history, the applicant has noted that the PTO 1449 Forms filed on August 28, 2000 and May 22, 2002 were not returned to the applicant with the Examiner's initials indicating that the references listed thereon had been considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the file history and send a copy of these PTO 1449 Forms or indicate on the record that those references listed on those PTO 1449 Forms were indeed considered. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance to clarify the record.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the above-identified application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner

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to telephone her at the number provided below.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this Supplemental IDS. However, the Commissioner is authorized to debit any necessary fee, other than an issue fee, or credit any overpayment relating to this application to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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